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Subject: RE: Covid Resolution sent to Governor Dunleavy asking for a state quarantine mandate
Attachments: Covid stats for WA AK ANC JNU 111220.docx

To the leaders in the State of Alaska,

Please note that Western Australia is now celebrating 7 months with no Covid-19 transmission in their state. They are now transitioning from their hard border to a controlled interstate border because the rest of Australia also has the virus under control.

These are the stats comparing Western Australia with Alaska:

11/11/20	Western Australia (pop. 2.6 million)	Alaska (pop. 745,000)	Anchorage (pop. 288,000)	Juneau (pop. 31,974)
New cases	2 (quar.trav.)	478 (477r+ 1n)	293 (293r+0n)	8 (8r+0n)
Active cases	14	14,455 (14,080r+ 475n)	7,644 (7,506r+738n)	347 (331r+16n)
Recovered	757	7,161 (6,512r+649n)	3,516 (3,395r+121n)	342 (264r+78n)
In Hospitals	0	120 (ICU on vent 8)	79 (ICU vent 6)	unknown
Deaths	9	96*	58*	4*
Total cases	780	21,812 (20,688r+1,124n)	11,218 (2461r+136n)	693 (599r+94n)

*Alaska residents only

Compare to the stats from just 3 months ago:

8/11/20	Western Australia (pop. 2.6 million)	Alaska (pop. 745,000)	Anchorage (pop. 288,000)	Juneau (pop. 31,974)
New cases	0	68 (62r+ 6n)	44 (40r+4n)	3 (2r+1n)
Active cases	1	3269 (2674r+ 595n)	1644 (1565r+79n)	132 (70r+62n)
Recovered	632	1359 (1180r+179n)	737 (681r+56n)	56 (44r+12n)
In Hospitals	0	39 (ICU on vent 3)	Unknown	Unknown
Deaths	9	27*	14*	1*
Total cases	642	4655 (3881r+774n)	2395 (2260r+135n)	189 (115r+74n)

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Also please note Western Australia achieved this during their fall/winter, their cold and flu season! I can assure you that the people there are just like Alaskans, free-spirited and no one wants to wear a mask or have government tell them what to do or close their businesses. However, they are very proud of their achievement keeping the virus out of their state and are extremely happy to be able to go to work and school unrestricted. Their economy is booming!

New Zealand has also kept Covid out of their country with the Prime Minister just being re-elected in a landslide victory.

The Governor has just made recommendations to the people of Alaska similar to what has been recommended for several months now so how will anything change? There's still a vast majority of Alaskans who are angry about any type of shutdown, mask mandate or anything else because they think Covid is a hoax, a conspiracy, the same as the flu or something else idiotic. I know all of you see the stats every day, know our hospitals and medical system are moving rapidly to capacity and are worried, you know Covid is real and needs to be stopped.

The interstate travel mandate was relaxed so the second test is not required, allowing Covid to enter our state from the rest of the country where they are having to utilize morgue trucks and field hospitals in some states. Would you like to enter a field hospital if you were critically sick? Where are we going to get the doctors and nurses to care for all the sick especially since they are at high risk of being sick too. It's so bad that North Dakota is allowing Covid positive medical staff to stay working if they are asymptomatic.

There is no travel mandate for intrastate travel so the virus is free to be transferred all over the state.

I'm particularly concerned about the health of our Alaskan native communities especially in remote rural areas where some don't even have running water and/or properly functioning sewer systems. It is criminal to see their numbers increase dramatically.

I'm convinced you have a choice: continue down the same road of small measures here and there which are obviously not working or do something decisive to lead our state and communities out of this mess and choose the 14 day quarantine both for interstate and intrastate travelers to protect our citizens and prevent the virus from entering and spreading further.

I beg you to go to the Mark McGowan Facebook page, the Premier of Western Australia's official government site to see the playbook of what has proven successful. He has lead them to 7 MONTHS Covid-free in local communities in his state, during the fall/winter seasons!

Sincerely.

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